GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Linking of Ports through Highways
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government to develop a highway to link the ports right from Bhavanapadu in Srikakulam to Vishakhapatnam, Gangavaram, Kakinada, Machlipatnam, Vodarevu, Krishnapatnam and Dugarajapatnam in Andhra Pradesh to ensure swift transportation of logistics and development of tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the steps taken by the Government to expedite the construction of the said highway; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) to (c) The Ministry keeps on receiving proposals for declaration of State roads, including those to link ports, from various States/Union Territories (UTs) as new National Highways (NHs). The Ministry considers declaration of some State Roads as new NHs from time to time keeping in view the requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of funds.

The total length of NHs in the country is about 1,13,298 km; out of this, the length of NHs in the State of Andhra Pradesh is about 5,656 km. Apart from this, the Ministry has also approved "In Principle" declaration of about 1,997 kms of State roads in the State as new NHs subject to the outcome of their Detailed Project Reports(DPR). The initiatives have been taken for preparation of the DPRs.

The Ministry has also taken up detailed review of NHs network with a view to develop the road connectivity to Border areas, development of Coastal roads including road connectivity for Non Major ports, improvement in the efficiency of National Corridors, development of Economic Corridors, along with integration with Sagarmala, construction / rehabilitation / widening of major bridges and Railway Over Bridges (ROBs) / Railway Under Bridges (RUBs) on NHs, connectivity Improvement Program for Char-Dham (Kedarnath, Badrinath, Yamunothri & Gangothri in Uttarakhand) etc., under proposed new programmes. However, these programmes are yet to be formally launched.

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